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TORGERSON, ET AL.)	
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Serial No.: 09/686,468)	Group Art Unit: 3763
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Filed: October 11, 2000)	
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For: IMPLANTABLE NON-INVASIVE)	
RATE-ADJUSTABLE PUMP)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 02, 2004

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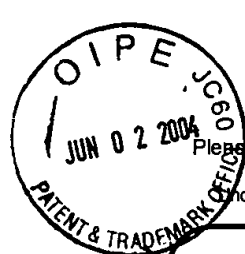
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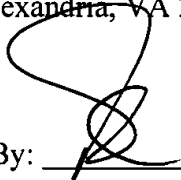


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